

REMARKS

Summary of the Office Action

Claims 1, 2, 5, 7-9, 12, 14, 15, 18, 23, and 24 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by *Ha* (U.S. Patent No. 6,081,307).

Claims 6, 13, and 19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable obvious over *Ha*.

Claims 3, 4, 10, 11, 16 and 17 stand allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Claims 20-21 stand allowed.

Summary of the Response to the Office Action

Applicants have cancelled claims 3, 10, and 16 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Applicants have amended claims 1, 4, 8, and 11. Accordingly, claims 1, 2, 5-9, 12-15, and 17-25 are presenting pending. Claims 20 and 21 stand allowed.

The Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102(b) and 103(a)

Claims 1, 2, 5, 7-9, 12, 14, 15, 18, 23, and 24 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by *Ha* (U.S. Patent No. 6,081,307). Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections for at least the following reasons. Claims 6, 13, and 19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable obvious over *Ha*. Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections for at least the following reasons.

Applicants have amended independent claims 1, 3, and 14 to incorporate the subject matter of dependent claims 3, 10, and 16, respectively, which were indicated by the Office to contain allowable subject matter. Applicants have amended independent claim 23 in a similar

manner. Thus, these claims are in clear condition for allowance. Further, Applicants respectfully submit that dependent claims 2, 5-7, 9, 12-15, 18-19, and 24 are allowable at least because their respective dependencies from independent claims 1, 8, and 15, as amended, and the reasons set forth above.

Rejoinder

Applicants respectfully request rejoinder of dependent claims 22 and 24.

CONCLUSION

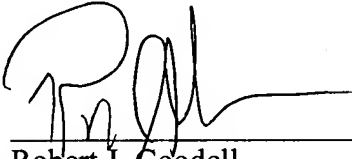
In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments to place the application in clear condition for allowance or, in the alternative, in better form for appeal.

If there are any other fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-0310. If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 not accounted for above, such an extension is requested and the fee should also be charged to our Deposit Account.

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